GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBALS IN ORISSA
Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that Kandhamal district of Orissa is a tribal dominated and dense forest area,

(b) whether the Government has any welfare schemes for the tribals for their products coming from forest;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government for the welfare and development of tribal of this district?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH)

(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Ministry has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Grant in aid to State Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations since 1992-93. Under the Scheme, funds are released to the States and not to the district, for supporting their effort for (i) strengthening the share capital base of Corporations for increasing the volume of procurement of Minor Forest Produces,(ii) construction of scientific warehouses, (iii) establishing processing industries for value addition to MFP items and (iv) research and development activities of the Corporations. The year-wise release of funds to the State Government of Orissa, under the scheme, is as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Funds Released
2001-02	200.00
2002-03	400.00
2003-04	30.00
2004-05	-